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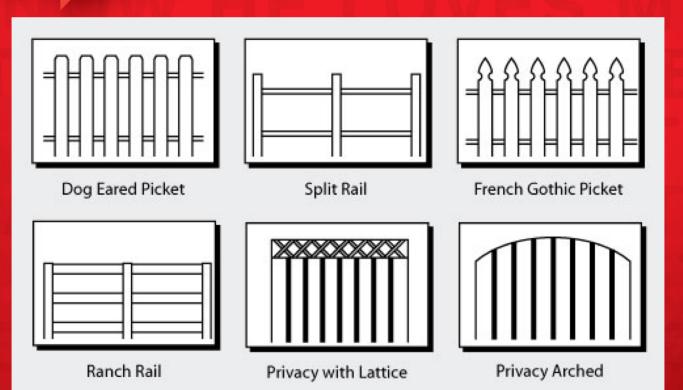


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# Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."



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If we intend to love our church the way God wants us to, then we have to:

1. Know that Jesus crashed the fence



Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We all have a giant fence.



# Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Because of that fence, we'll never get to God.



# Romans 5:8

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God knew we'd have a big fence before we even had a yard.



# Romans 10:9-10

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

If we just admit we have a fence and we need it torn down, Jesus crashes the fence for us.



# Romans 10:13

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

He never denies a fence-crashing job . . . ever.



# A Salvation Prayer

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me, and I accept Him as my Savior. Please come into my life, and please lead me all the days of my life. Thank you for the gift of Your Son, and for giving me a new life, a new destiny, and a new family. Amen."



- 1. Know that Jesus crashed the fence
- 2. Allow others into your yard



- 2. Allow others into your yard
  - Jesus tears down the <u>fence</u> and then we begin to <u>build</u> one between <u>ourselves</u> and <u>others</u>



- 2. Allow others into your yard
  - One of the ways we do this (build fences) is by neglecting to meet together



- 2. Allow others into your yard
  - This is living in community



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- 1. Know that Jesus crashed the fence
- 2. Allow others into your yard
- 3. Enjoy the company



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- 3. Enjoy the company
  - Have healthy expectations



- 3. Enjoy the company
  - Realize baby steps are OK



- 3. Enjoy the company
  - Take some ownership



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